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**Motorist Sentenced to State Prison
for Road-Rage Freeway Attacks**

A 44-year-old man entered a no contest plea today for using his vehicle to assault other motorists on the 405 Freeway in the Long Beach area, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Tapti Patel said Donald James Kleven pleaded to one felony count of assault with a deadly weapon, an automobile, in case NA101810.

Kleven was immediately sentenced to four years in state prison.

For approximately a one-month period beginning in March 2015, Kleven assaulted motorists with his car during rush hour traffic, the prosecutor said. The defendant would follow his victims, pull up in front of them with his car, and then reverse into their vehicle, the prosecutor said.

On April 24, Kleven blocked a victim on an onramp to the 405 Freeway, exited his vehicle and then began kicking the victim's car, according to testimony presented at the preliminary hearing.

The case was investigated by the California Highway Patrol.

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